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## Dear Stakeholder:

In response to conditions within the Cherry Run project area, the Forest Service (Allegheny National Forest) is proposing a series of actions to bring the project area into better balance with goals and objectives identified in the ANF Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan). The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the project and provide an opportunity to comment on the initial proposal. Proposed actions include timber harvesting and associated reforestation treatments, nonnative invasive plant treatments, stream restoration, road management, and wildlife improvements within the project area. The enclosed scoping proposal provides more information on the project area, the need for action and the proposed actions.

The Bradford Ranger District is accepting comments for this project within 30 days of the signing of this letter. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who submitted comments, will be considered part of the public record and will be available for public inspection. Written comments may be mailed or hand-delivered to Rich Hatfield, District Ranger, Bradford Ranger District, 29 Forest Service Dr., Bradford, PA 16701 or by facsimile 814-362-2761. Business hours for those submitting hand-delivered or oral comments are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Electronic comments must be submitted in plain text (.txt), rich text (.rtf), or Microsoft Word format to comments-eastern-allegheny-bradford@fs.fed.us. Please enter the project name (*Cherry Run Project*) on the subject line.

Your comments are important, and may be used to modify or develop alternatives to the proposed action. Individuals who submit substantive comments regarding the proposed project during any of the designated opportunity for public comment, are eligible to file an objection for this project, prior to a final decision being made. Regulations (36 CFR 218) require that a draft decision notice be prepared for review as part of the pre-decisional, administrative review process required for environmental assessments.

This letter and its enclosures are available on the Allegheny National Forest website at <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\_project\_exp.php?project=55612">http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\_project\_exp.php?project=55612</a>. Additional information is also available from Ed Baker, Planning Team Leader, who may be contacted by telephone at 814-363-6012 or email at <a href="ebaker@fs.fed.us">ebaker@fs.fed.us</a>.

Sincerely,

RICHARD HATFIELD

District Ranger



